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CERTAIN FOODS REMOVED FROM IMPORT CONTROL

Transfer from the War Production Board to the War Food Administration of administrative functions and regulations in connection with the importation of certain foods was announced jointly today by the two agencies. In line with the expressed policy of the two agencies of easing controls as supply, shipping and other strategic considerations permit, removal of 38 food items and 15 WPE items from import control was simultaneously announced. This action will become effective November 13, 1944.

Using the pattern of WPB order M-63, WFA has issued WFO-63 covering the importation of food into the continental United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Under this order an authorization from WFA is required to import foods subject to the order. Anyone desiring such authorization should apply to the Office of Distribution, War Food Administration, Washington 25, D.C., on Form WPE-1041.

Applications which have been made to WPB for authorization to import foods need not be resubmitted and if action on such applications has not been made by WPB, it will be completed by WFA. Authorizations issued by WPB under M-63 will be considered valid under the WFA order until their respective expiration dates. Customs entries against outstanding authorizations on foods will continue to be reported on form WPE-1040.

In the transfer WFA has removed from the import control the following items: Alfalfa seed; dried buttermilk; canary seed; castor beans; castor oil; castor bean pomace; dried, desiccated or evaporated cherries; dried cream; cornstarch; dog food; certain fatty alcohols and fatty acids, sulphated, and salts of fatty acids, sulphated, n.s.p.f.; dried fruits, n.s.p.f.; grapes, dried, other than raisins; grapes, other than hothouse; glycerine, crude and refined; hydrogenated or hardened oils and fats, (animal or vegetable); whale oil, other than sperm; lard oil; mate; mate yerba; murumuru nuts and kernels; murumuru nut oil; inedible olive oil; edible onions; dehydrated onions; peaches, green, ripe or in brine; pears, green ripe or in brine; racing and fancy pigeons; other pigeons; pimentos; sheep, lamb and goat sausage casings; other sausage casings; seal oil; tucum nuts and kernels; tucum oil; prunes, prunelles and plums, green or ripe or in brine; livestock and poultry feed, and wheat bran and shorts.

WFA is placing one additional commodity under import control; pepper, black or white, unground.

In addition to the food items which have been removed from import control WPB announced the removal of the following 15 articles from the import control of General Imports Order M-63: Alpaca, llama, and vicuna hair; antimony; cotton-seed hull fiber; Spanish cedar logs and lumber; fir logs and lumber; pine logs and lumber; prima vera logs and lumber; cotton waste (hard waste of yarns or threads); ergot; iodine, and iron ore.



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Supplemental General Imports Order M-63-a covering the importation of certain articles from Canada, Mexico, Guatemala and El Salvador was revoked as of November 8, 1944 by the WPB. Provisions of this order are being incorporated in both the WFA order for foods and the amended M-63 for WPB articles. Import control will continue to be exercised over the commodities formerly listed in M-63-a for the WPB articles, through the transfer of commodities to List II of order M-63; and for foods under the WFA order, by specific reference in the provisions of WFO 63. WFA has included the following in the group of commodities subject to such control; alewives and other pickled or salted fish, n.s.p.f.; and herring (including sprats, pilchards and anchovies) all types.

Since Supplemental General Imports Order M-63-g covers the importation of certain food items only into the Virgin Islands of the United States and Puerto Rico, WPB also revoked this order. Its provisions are being incorporated in the body of WFO 63.

WPB also announced the transfer from List I to List II of General Imports Order M-63 of the following: Alpargatas; hemp; unmanufactured (Cannabis Sativa type only); deer skins; unmanufactured bovine, equine and goat skin leathers, to eliminate the future necessity of filing of WPB form 1039 for authorization to dispose of these materials.

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